



ADAIR COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION

Please complete the questionnaire, contract, quick facts and any other information by June 17, 2024. Completed applications can be dropped off at the Extension office, emailed to adaircountyfairiowa@gmail.com, given to me or mailed to Ranae Thompson, 2388 E Iowa St. Greenfield, IA 50849 or **NO LATER than June 17, 2024.**

Initial interviews (interview attire): tentatively planned for Thursday, June 27, 2024, time to be determined later, 4H/FFA Building

Possible introductions at Fontanelle 4th of July Celebration.

**Queen crowning (formal wear): Wednesday, July 10th
Estimated @ 9 pm, fairgrounds gazebo**

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

Ranae Thompson 641-745-5684

County Judging Criteria to keep in mind:

- 1) beauty, charm, poise
- 2) personality, attitude, appearance, awareness
- 3) leadership, citizenship, contribution to community



QUESTIONNAIRE OUTLINE

(see sample format)

Contestant Name: _____

Age (1st day of ISF):

Grade (fall):

Major (college):

School (fall):

GPA:

1. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** (how long, leadership positions):
2. **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** (how long, leadership positions):
3. **HONORS WON:**
4. **HOBBIES:**
5. **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE** (Give details of coming year and five years from now):
6. Please also explain, in one page or less, how you could best represent the Adair County Fair by being selected as the Adair County Fair Queen.



QUICK FACTS

Contestant Name:

What are three words that describe you?

What do you like to do in your spare time?

What's your life's dream or ambition?

What is most important to you and why?

What's your life's philosophy?

What prompted you to compete for this title?

What do you hope to get out of this experience?

List Siblings and Ages:

What are your scholastic and career goals?

Any volunteer activities?

Other interesting facts?

Local Entrance / State Rules & Regulations Contract

Remember the Adair County Fair Board has paid the \$450 fee to participate in the Iowa State Fair Contest and needs your commitment to fully participate in the state competition and activities.

I understand that if crowned the Adair County Fair Queen that I will make numerous appearances at the fair, hand out awards, ride in parades, and return to crown the new Adair County Fair Queen the following year. I will also coordinate with Little Miss and Mister as much as possible. If for some reason the winner cannot fulfill her duties, the 1st Runner Up will fulfill remaining queen obligations.

I will be ready to compete fully in the Iowa State Fair Queen contest in August. I acknowledge that I have read all rules and requirements for the Iowa State Fair competition. I am in compliance with such rules and requirements and if chosen to represent Adair County I verify that I can fully participate in all activities during the State Fair Competition. Please sign and date this contract as an official contestant of the Adair County Fair Queen Contest.

If under 18, please have a parent/guardian sign and date this document as well.

Contestant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if under 18)

Date

IOWA STATE FAIR QUEEN COMPETITION INFO AND RULES 2024

Preparations are under way for the 2024 Iowa State Fair Queen Competition. This year the Competition will be held **Tuesday, August 6th through Saturday, August 10th**. After numerous appearances at the State Fairgrounds and in the community, several days of judging and memorable competition activities, we will crown our 2024 Queen on Saturday, August 10th at the Fair. We hope your county will send a representative this year.

Enclosed are the competition rules and regulations, and general information that will be beneficial to you and your contestants. We will be sending a list of awards that will be presented to the competition winners in July.

One important thing that we ask for your help with – we've seen an increasing number of requests by the girls for changes in their individual judging schedule. This has gotten out of hand. It's important that your County Fair Queen fully commits to this competition. They should be asked during your county judging if they are able to fully commit to the responsibilities of being the County Fair Queen, including full participation in the Iowa State Fair Queen Competition. Approval for schedule change requests will be very limited. The State Fair Queen Competition can be a very meaningful experience for your Queen, but only if she fully participates.

Required Judging Attire:

1. **Interview Attire** for individual interview. Consider **Interview Attire** as something you would wear to a business function or a job interview. Your clothing may be age- appropriate but, in this case, still very professional. A business suit or a professional dress is accepted.
2. **Casual Wear** for short interview and introduction at the Fairgrounds Thursday and Friday afternoon. **Casual Wear** may consist of something you would wear to a banquet or casual church. Sundresses, skirts, and capris are all appropriate.
3. **Formal Wear** for group discussion and crowning. (Keep in mind you have to walk up and down steps to the stage). Prom dresses or any other type of formal gown are acceptable.

Also needed:

1. Clothing of your choice is needed for Wednesday dinner, Thursday and Friday lunch.
2. Casual clothes for free time at the hotel (swimsuit, cover-up, pajamas, etc.).
3. Miscellaneous (such as hair supplies, face mask, alarm clock, copy of insurance card in case of emergency, snacks for hotel, optional spending money for Fairgrounds)

QUEEN CONTESTANT PACKING SUGGESTIONS

- Three or four **Casual Wear** outfits
- One or two **Interview Attire** outfit
- One or two **Formal Gowns**
- **Parade outfit** (something lightweight and casual- sundress, skirt, etc.)
- Dressy, lightweight jacket
- Pajamas
- Comfortable clothes for relaxing at the hotel
- Slippers
- Comfortable shoes
- Small purse
- Aspirin
- Band-Aids
- Camera
- Extra spending money (for the Fair, free time, and snacks)
- Shower supplies (toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.)
- Make-up
- Hair supplies
- Jewelry (nothing too expensive)
- Snacks (for your room)
- Bobby pins (for crown)
- Sunglasses
- Umbrella
- Extra pins for your sash
- Calling card or cell phone
- Double sided tape, scissors, needle and thread
- Swimsuit

Remember, you are the Queen, so please dress like one! You should stand out in the crowd, but you must also be comfortable, as you will be walking the Fairgrounds for a week.

Please Note:

The judges often ask the same questions of various contestants so please do not discuss your private interview or group discussion with any other candidates. Judging results or judging forms are not released.

The Iowa State Fair is not responsible for valuables lost or stolen. Keep your room locked and your key with you.

IOWA STATE FAIR QUEEN COMPETITION

General Information

Housing Accommodations:

Housing accommodations are offered for queen candidates only (four contestants per room). The Iowa State Fair provides chaperones and staff so please do not bring anyone to stay with you.

Because our time is limited and space is tight, visitors are not allowed at the hotel during the competition. However, your family and friends are welcome to see you on the Anne and Bill Riley Stage on Friday afternoon, August 9^h, at 4:00 p.m. They are encouraged to attend the crowning on the Anne and Bill Riley Stage, Saturday evening, August 10^h, at 7:00 p.m. In addition, you may have a few hours of free time at the Fair Thursday and Friday afternoons.

You are not excused to leave the hotel during the entire competition unless you have signed a release form. Travel must be approved by the coordinator and the queen's guardians.

Transportation:

Transportation will be provided from the hotel to the Fairgrounds and back each day except after the crowning. At that time, contestants can return to the hotel with family/friends to pick up their belongings. However, contestant's belongings can be picked up at the hotel before the coronation. All contestants are to check out by 1:00 p.m. (tentative) on Saturday, August 10th but will remain with the chaperones until after the coronation.

Meals:

The Iowa State Fair provides meals for the contestants. A variety of snacks, including soda, are available in the hospitality suite. Any additional items such as ordered food, movies, and all local and long distance phone calls are at your expense. If there are any health concerns or food requirements, the coordinator must be contacted prior to check-in.

Clothing:

Except during free time at the hotel, your crown and sash are to be worn throughout the entire contest (including free time at the Fair). You will wear **Formal Wear** for part of the judging and the crowning (prom dresses are acceptable). You may wear the same formal each time. You will also need **Business Attire**, which may include a business suit or a professional dress and **Casual wear** such as capris, sundresses or skirts. You may want to bring a couple of different **Casual Wear** and **Business Attire** outfits as you will be wearing those outfits at the Fair and for judging.

Workshops:

There will be several workshops scheduled throughout the week. Though we cannot require you to attend each workshop, we strongly urge you to do so. Several talented people donate their time and materials to make this event memorable.

In addition, a select few of the workshops may involve items that you can purchase. For example, you may attend a Mary Kay workshop. At the end of the workshop, you will have the opportunity to purchase makeup or skin care products. Queens are not required to purchase anything at these workshops, it is only offered.

Note: Please forward these rules and regulations to your queen when selected.

2024 IOWA STATE FAIR QUEEN COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each contestant must be female and at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on Aug 8, the first day of the 2024 Iowa State Fair.
2. Contestants must never have been married.
3. A county fair queen must reside in the county she represents or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in the county she represents. If a fair represents more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties.
4. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in her community such as a church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H or FFA membership.)
5. Each entrant in the State Fair Competition must be selected from a competitive queen contest at her county fair. If an Iowa fair does not have a contest, it may sanction another queen contest in their county as the "Official County Fair Queen Contest." The winner of this is then eligible to compete at the Iowa State Fair. Only contests sponsored by county fairs that are members of the Association of Iowa Fairs will be eligible to compete at the state level.
6. Only winners as indicated under Rule 5 are eligible to represent counties at the state pageant. In the event the county queen is unable to participate, alternates will be considered in order of selection.
7. No professional model (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) is eligible to compete in the state competition.
8. Any contestant who has competed at Iowa State Fair Queen level of the competition may not compete again.
9. Any county fair queen selected after the 2023 Iowa State Fair and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the 2024 competition.
10. The Iowa State Fair will accept only one entry per county. Should there be more than one queen contest in the county, it will be the responsibility of the fairs concerned to hold an elimination contest. The only exception to this rule will be in those counties where more than one fair qualifies for membership with the Association of Iowa Fairs. In those cases, both fairs will be eligible to submit candidates for competition.
11. It is the responsibility of each contestant to make arrangements for transportation to and from Des Moines.
12. The county fair queens will be the guests of the Iowa State Fair Tuesday, August 6th, through the time of the crowning Saturday evening, August 10th, 2024.

13. The Iowa State Fair will provide a sash and crown for each county fair to award their queen at the county fair. This must be worn when she appears at the Iowa State Fair and is included in the \$450.00 entry fee requested with the enclosed entry blank. Entry fee for entries received after April 30 is \$500.00. Absolutely NO entries will be accepted after May 31!
14. County fairs are requested to select their candidates by competition in which personality, leadership, and beauty are judged.
15. A competent committee will select the "Iowa State Fair Queen". Judging comments are not available to the contestants or county representatives. Judging will be based on the following:
Personality, Attitude, Appearance and Awareness
Leadership and Citizenship - Contribution to Community
Overall Appearance, Charm, Poise
16. Each contestant should be prepared to appear in a variety of dress such as street dress or suit, evening dress and casual wear.
17. The winner of the state competition will be crowned "2024 Iowa State Fair Queen." The 2024 Queen will be required to remain at the Fairgrounds for the remaining time of the 2024 Fair.
18. The winner of the state competition must agree to appear for the Iowa State Fair Board in official capacities as requested throughout the year until her successor is crowned. This includes daily appearances at the 2024 Fair and the first three days at the 2025 Fair. The Iowa State Fair will help with food and transportation expenses for these appearances.
19. If the winner cannot reign until a new queen is crowned at the 2025 Fair, she must forfeit her title and all awards associated with it to the first runner-up. She may then accept the title and awards of the first runner-up.
20. The winning contestant at the Iowa State Fair must agree to accept no other queen titles nor endorse any commercial product as "Iowa State Fair Queen" for a period of 12 months following the 2024 Iowa State Fair without the written permission of the Iowa State Fair Board.
21. The winning contestant will receive all the prizes at the time of the finals with the exception of the scholarships. The scholarships will be presented to her after the 2025 Iowa State Fair Queen is selected.
22. The reigning 2024 "Iowa State Fair Queen" is expected to conduct herself in a manner that reflects positively on herself, her family and on the Iowa State Fair. Should the reigning "Iowa State Fair Queen" become involved in any activity, including a drug, alcohol or tobacco related offense that reflects negatively on herself, her family or the Iowa State Fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown, title and rights to the scholarship award to the first runner-up.
23. Should the 2024 "Iowa State Fair Queen" marry or become ineligible before the 2025 queen is crowned, she will forfeit her title, crown and rights to the scholarship award to the first runner-up. Should the first runner-up marry or become ineligible, she will forfeit title, crown and rights to the scholarship to the second runner-up.
24. The Iowa State Fair Board reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.

2024 IOWA STATE FAIR QUEEN COMPETITION

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 6

2:00- 4:00 p.m. Check-in at Prairie Meadows (1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona, IA 50009). Queen candidates can register for their room and turn in their pictures, questionnaire, permission form and any additional information. Check-in will take place in the **Lobby** and chaperones will be there to assist the queens.

4:15 p.m. ****MANDATORY**** Orientation meeting (Queens ONLY)

5:00 p.m. Mixer/ games

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:00 p.m. Workshop

9:00 p.m. Free time at the Hotel

Wednesday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

9:00 a.m. ****MANDATORY**** Individual interviews begin (in **Business Attire**)

9:00- 11:00 a.m. Workout Class / Workshops

12:15 p.m. Lunch

11:00- 2:30 p.m. Workshop

1:10 p.m. Interviews continue

1:00 p.m. ****MANDATORY**** Interviews with IPTV

3:30 p.m. Workshop

6:15 p.m. ****MANDATORY**** Parade- (**Casual Wear - Sundress**)

7:30 p.m. ****MANDATORY**** Pizza Party and Stage Practice Workshop

Thursday, August 8

7:00-8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

7:30 a.m. Some queens volunteer at ISF

9:00 a.m. Individual interviews begin (in **Business Attire**)

9:00-11:00 a.m. Workout Class / Workshops

9:30-12:30 Aveda Styles (sign-up sheet)

10:30-11:30 Healthy You

11:30-12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-3:00	IPTV Interviews
1:30 p.m.	Interviews continue
2:00-3:00 p.m.	On-Stage Speech Workshop
4:00 p.m. Stage	Introduction of candidates on the Riley Stage
6:30-9:00 p.m.	Stage Practice Workshop
<u>Friday, August 9</u>	
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental breakfast
7:00 a.m.	Power Workout
7:30 a.m.	Some queens volunteer on fairgrounds
9:00-2:00 p.m.	Workshops
9:00 a.m.	Group interviews begin (Formal Wear)
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Individual pictures taken (Formal Wear)
10:00-11:00 a.m.	Miss Manners Workshop
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:15 p.m.	Group Photo (Formal Wear)
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Workshops
4:00 p.m.	Introduction of candidates on the Riley Stage
5:00 p.m.	Dinner (at the fairgrounds)
7:00 p.m.	Dessert - County Fair BBQ
7:00 p.m.	Giant Slide/ Sky Glider rides
9:00 p.m.	Buses leave fairgrounds
9:30 p.m.	Pool Party
<u>Saturday, August 10</u>	
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Some queens volunteer on fairgrounds
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Workout

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Short individual interview in **Casual Wear**

8:00- Noon Workshops

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Must be checked out of hotel room. Belongings may be left in designated room. You may meet family or friends in Lobby to pick up belongings between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

1:00- 3:00 p.m. Workshop

7:00 p.m. Presentation of the queen candidates on the Riley Stage. Crowning of the 2023 Iowa State Fair Queen and her court. **(Formal Wear)**

Immediately after the crowning, all candidates are released to family/friends. We would appreciate all the candidates make arrangements to have their belongings picked up at the hotel between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. You will be responsible for your transportation from the fairgrounds to the hotel after the crowning. The Iowa State Fair is not responsible for any stolen items. Please keep your room locked and key with you at all times.

*****Please contact the competition coordinator immediately if any scheduling conflicts arise by filling out the Schedule Conflict Form. The coordinator should also be contacted by July 31, if there are any dietary concerns or special needs.*****